The Franch political chemboard is being rapidly cleared. "Six years ago," mays the Paris correspondent of the London Times, "there was an excessive number of pretenders, or at least of persons spoken of for the Chief Magistracy, but most of them have since disappeared. Thiers died apparently on the eve of his reinstalment in the Presidency. The Prince Imperial perialled in search of the latters which were to disaple the matter. Garnbetta was cut off at a low sho of his fortune, but at a time when he was universally expected to re-

langesh which were to dead in the matter. Carefully we shie of this fortame, but at a time when he was universally expected to retrieve his position. Chanay followed him to the count almost jumediately, and now the Counte de Chambord's name awells the list of the departed. The Due of Aumais may be likewise numbered among those who have vanished from the Beld; for, though it may be hoped that he lass many years before him, he is allogether out of the competition. The only object of his election to the Presidency would have been to checkmate the Comte de Chambord, and such a motive can no longer exist—to say nothing of the excellention of Marshal McMahon's rile having destroyed for years to comis all chance of the smecons of a milliary candidate. Nobody, indeed, disputes the marshal's good intentions but nobody can forget his radical misconception of his position brought France to the verge of dvil war.

"The chessboard is thus much thinned, and, contrary to what usually happens in such cases, the interest of the game, especially to foreign observers, is sensibly impaired. It has become, in fact, a pawn game. The chief pieces have disappeared; and there is a bumdrum rivalry between the pawns as to which shall first get to the edge of the board. Not that the competitors are all nonentities—far from it. Prince Napoleous will always be an interesting example of the Napoleouic physiognomy and intellect. The Counte de Paris has the other of the Republicans and the sudden death of Thiers, and to the best docted the position is the bry; but brilliant, find the properties of the respectable position in the bry; but brilliant, and has not revealed any literary or artistic tastes. He was formerly tond of chess—in which, characteristically, he played a driensive game—and he occupied a respectable position in the bry; but brilliant, the played a driensive game—and he occupied a respectable position in the bry; but brilliant, the played a driensive game—and he occupied to respectable position in the bry; but brilliant display tion to his reputation for honesty, to the sudden death of Thiers, and to the

the sudden death of Thiers, and to the socident of the Republicans not being prepared to accept Clambetta.

"His presumptive successor—for, though much may happen in three years, M. Brisson has anyet no competitor—is even less likely to be conspicuous. He presided with dignity over the Chamber, but foreigners may be excused for not knowing of him, since there is scarcely anything to know. He has been an advocate and a journalist, like so many French polknow. He has been an advocate and a journalist, like so many French politicians, but his chances are due to his taciturnity, as well as to the absence of rivals. As for any of the radical leaders, they are ostensibly opposed to a Presidency altogether; and though this did not stand in M. Grevy's way to the Chief Magistracy, it must be remembered that thirty it must be remembered that thirty years clapsed between his famous have not moreover, gained—they have rather lost—ground since Gamuetta's death; perhaps because they have no longer anybody to harass. Their hammer is swinging in empty air instead of smiting the shoulders of a dietate. dictator. France, in short, six years ago had a plethora of individuality and historic lustre, and she is now on the point of being reduced to com-mon sense and mediocrity."

AN HISTORICAL KETTLE

There is at present in West Troy, N. Y., an immense copper kettle which has a history. It is said to have been used for cooking the rations of the soldiers of General Burgoyne, in revolutionary times. The kettle is six feet six inches and the tip, five feet deep, and weighs something over one thou-sand two hundred pounds. The botom of the utensil is nearly two inches thick, and is all in one piece. The sides are composed of six sections, these having first been riveted to the bottom, afterward brought together, the edges overlapping, and riveted. As is nearly as is known the kettle was brought from England by General Burgoyne, was for some time used it in Burgoyne, was for some time used it in cooking rations for his troops, and at the time of his surrender passed into the hands of the patroon, Van Renselaer, at Albany, where it remained, unused, for several years. In the course of time the Van Rensselaers are said to have built and operated a brewery near what is now known as the Guilderland Centre, and the ketthe Guilderland Centre, and the ket-tie was sent there and utilized for boiling the ingredients and used in making beer. When the brewing husiness was abandaned the kettle remained on the farm," and has been sold with the land whenever the property has changed hands.— The Rem.

warm heart, and was swift to recognize real merit. One day, when at Toul for a review he saw a poor funeral passing by. On the coffin was the uniform of a sergeant-major of Chasacurs-a-pled; an siged man walked wearily behind it, and a very small handful of friends followed him.

The marshal sent one of his generals in inquire particulars and learn.

erals to inquire particulars, and learned that the soldier being borne to his long home had been severely wounded at Magenta, and, though sufficiently recovered to return to his home for rest and change of air, had died of debility. His eldest brother had been killed in the Crimea, and their father was a retired lientenant, who starved rather than lived on a pension of about eighty dollars per aunum.

A month afterward the marshal re-uroed to Toul, and invited the old him at the hotel at 11 o'clock. Covers were laid for two; the marshal ast down brinkly, and his guest followed his example. But no some did the old man unfold his errorest than he uttered a cry for underneath it was attered a cry, for underneath it was as of the Legion of Honor, with its red ribbox, and two large official envelopes. The veteran sighed, his hands trembled, he could neither rise nor speak, but gazed at his host, who took the decoration, fastened it to his button-hole, threw the envelopes on the table and said. the table and said:

"This is your brevet as legionacire, and that is a pension of one hundred deliars a year. Now let us attack the omeiette, for I am in a great hurry."

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men of the town, a church member, and a professed temperance man, altended the meetings. He refused to sign the piedge. Not only did he refuse, but he said he did not believe in pledge signing. His presence at the meeting became injurious to the work. Other people who looked upon this man as a leader, was kept back by his argument and example. Among those who stood behind him were his two sons.

years ago, your most unfortunate son would never have become the drunken outcast and felou he is to-day. Your example for right at that time would have saved me; you did not give it. So you have no one to thank but your self for my damnation and your shame." How the truth of the fact, "as ye sow, so must ye also reap," came home to that father. This is no fancy picture, but something from real life; you don't know how your disapproval of right and truth may return to you. On which side of this

movement are you?-Rechabite, All who are familiar with stories of the sea realize what a traditional feature of "life on the ocean wave" is effaced in the stopping of the "grog ration" by the great steamship lines. One by one these companies have done this, substituting coffee in the place of ram. We know, too, how much advance has been made in the requirements of railway corporations toward their employes, concerning drink and drinking habits, thus insuring economy for themselves, and comparative safety to the public. If All who are familiar with stories of comparative safety to the public. If these things are wise for great com-panies and public interests, what shall be said of leaving open to the tempting forces the sanctuary of the family life and the infinite riches of the individual being?-Union Signal.

Oregon has hit upon a new plan to keep her citizens solver. Every man who drinks is required to take a license costing two dollars a year. Un-less armed with this document he can not get his bitters at any hotel or saloun for it is a penal offense for the Every six months the names of the persons who take out these licenses are to be published in the local papers, that the public may know who are and who are not authorized to drink.

THE WRECK OF THE PROTEUS. The following story of the wreck of the Arctic relief steamer, Proteus, her journeyings, and afterwards of the crew, is by the special correspondent of the New York Tribune: While endeavoing to force her way

through to clear water the Proteus was caught between immense floes. These pressing on at both sides quick-ly crushed in her stout wales, her iold fitled with water, and it was soon evident no efforts would avail to keep her from sinking. The natches were broken open and all hands set to work throwing ciothing, provisions and other stores out of the doorned ship on the ice. The greater part of the cargo thus unloaded fell in the water and was lost, but enough was party during their retreat southward, and also to make a not inconsiderable cache for the Greeley party should it as now seem inevitable be forced to make its own way southward. Lieu tenant Caldwell, United States navy. the property has changed hands.—
The Rem.

A TOUCHING ANECDOTE

A Touching little anecdote of the late Due de Malakoff, is just now going the rounds of the French papers.

As Marshal Pelissier he had the reputation of being both stern and violent when his temper was aroused; but underneath this exterior he had a warm heart, and was swift to recognize awarm heart, and was swift to recognize award marit. One day, when at Toul

> and so angrily that they escaped by the narrowest possible chance. The goods placed in the cache were rendered as secure as possible and so marked as to be discovered by the party from Ft. Conger. Having thus done all in their power to carry out the design of the expedition the party on the afternoon of July 25 set out to eross Smith sound, and spending a weary night amidst the ice, landed safely on the morning of the 29th at a cove near Life bont cove in their own bonts in advance of the smaller party and now on the latter's landing on the east above of the sound all started forward again for Pandora harbor which they reached the following morning. The journey during the night was a most unpleasant one. A hard rain storm was raging nearly all the time. Thinking either the Yantie or swedish steamer Sophia might be were too heavily laden to venture far from shore. Every nighta landing was unde for the sake of sarety and a further delay was caused by several days of iad weather during which it was impossible to make any progress. The lee was troublesome and on August 7 as the party was passing Conical rock the boats had to be hauled up on a floe to avoid total destruction. After waiting an hour the lee corned auffi.

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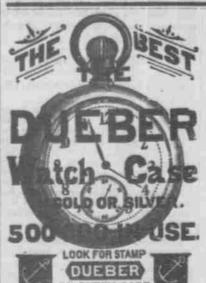
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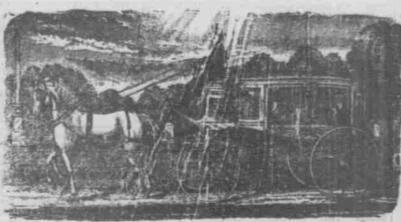
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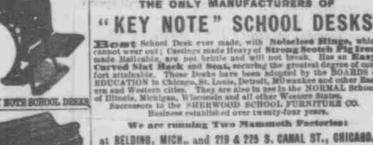




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